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JANZEN TO DEVELOP PROGRAM TO COMBAT WILDLIFE EXTINCTION; GOTTSCHALK NAMED DIRECTOR OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced today he is naming Daniel H. Janzen, Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, to a special assignment to develop a program for preserving wildlife threatened with extinction, and that at the same time he has chosen John S. Gottschalk, regional director of the Bureau at Boston, to succeed Janzen as Bureau director. The change will be effective October 15.

Mr. Janzen has announced he plans to retire from the Federal service December 31 and Mr. Udall stressed he wishes to make full use of Mr. Janzen's time before his retirement to prepare plans for a 10-year program for preserving endangered species of wildlife--part of the Land and Water Conservation Fund legislation.

"The wetlands acquisition program of the Department alone is enough to insure that Dan Janzen will join those who know they have made this country a better place in which to live, "Secretary Udall said." At the same time I am particularly pleased to have a man of John Gottschalk's ability available to replace Dan Janzen. Mr. Gottschalk is especially well fitted to the position and I am sure he will lead the Bureau to even greater heights."

Mr. Janzen, a native of Mountain Lake, Minn., began his conservation career with the Forest Service in 1925. After being graduated from the Oregon State School of Forestry at Corvallis in 1929, he joined the U. S. Biological Survey, appraising and buying lands for the national wildlife refuge system. Then followed several assignments in various parts of the Nation in wildlife research, waterfowl management, and predatory animal and rodent control.

In 1940, when the Biological Survey and the Bureau of Fisheries were combined as the Fish and Wildlife Service, Mr. Janzen became Assistant Regional Director for the 10-State Middle Western region. Six years later he became regional director with headquarters in Minneapolis. When the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife was created in 1957, Mr. Janzen became its first director, a position he has held continuously.

Mr. Janzen has earned international recognition for his work in preserving the Nation's wetlands resources for migratory waterfowl. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters, the Wildlife Society, and the American Fisheries Society and has participated in international conservation programs.

Mr. Gottschalk, who becomes the new Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, was born in Berne, Ind., in 1912. After graduation from Earlham College he became Superintendent of Fisheries for the Indiana Department of Conservation. Subsequently, he received his master's degree in fisheries biology at Indiana University. Mr. Gottschalk joined the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1945.

He became chief of the Division of Fisheries, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, in 1957, after six years as an assistant chief of the Branch of Federal Aid and two years with Missouri River Basin Studies as fish and wildlife administrator and as supervisor.

Mr. Gottschalk has been Northeast Regional Director at Boston since 1959. He was vice-president of the Wildlife Society in 1955 and now is president of the American Fisheries Society. He was the first member of the staff of the Fish and Wildlife Service to receive the American Motors Conservation Award--a national citation for outstanding service in the conservation field.

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